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Good note. I agree with Dave's comment about early elevation. Otherwise, nothing more to add. People will appreciate it.

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Here's a brief update on the transition that I'd like to send to all OECA staff soon. Your comments and suggestions would be very welcome. And we can discuss it with the ODs/Deputies at this afternoon's meeting. Thanks.

Larry

OECA colleagues:

I want to share a quick update on the transition process here at EPA. The President-Elect's transition team has nearly completed its work, and I had a good discussion with members of the team before the holidays. My understanding is that the incoming Administration has identified about a dozen staff who will begin work at the Agency on or around January 20th, including one appointee within OECA; however, I do not yet have information on the name of the person who will be joining us.

While we continue to look to Susan and John for their leadership today and through the end of this Administration, I did want to share a bit of information about how the Front Office will operate post-inauguration. Upon Susan's departure,

by operation of the Vacancies Reform Act, I will carry out the responsibilities of the Assistant Administrator for OECA on an acting basis, until the new Administration designates a new AA or a new Acting AA. Consistent with a recent DOJ opinion, we have been told that there will not be Acting DAAs or Acting DAAs, but "Senior Advisors" may be named to help with workload. Since I expect to have a political appointee join us very soon after the inauguration, it seems prudent to wait until then to decide if we need to bring on another person in the Front Office. In any event, during the time I am serving as the Acting AA for OECA, I will continue to depend heavily on the excellent support of the OECA senior managers, our terrific Lead Region team, and all of you to continue the important work of OECA. I'll do my best to facilitate and help guide that work.

If you have any questions, please let me know. As I did four years ago, I will endeavor to provide regular updates to you as I receive additional information.

Thank you.

Larry

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